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DOG SHOW AND AGILITY TRIALS BRINGS COMPETITIVE CANINES TO THE KENTUCKY EXPOSITION CENTER

LOUISVILLE, KY (March 6, 2014) – The Kentucky Exposition Center will go to the dogs Thursday, March 13 – Sunday, March 16 when the Kentuckiana Cluster All-Breed Dog Show and the Greater Louisville Club American Kennel Club's Agility Trials bring thousands of competitive canines to town. Last year more than 2,800 dogs per day competed over the course of four days in these two events.

The dog show competition runs from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day in the West Wing, West Hall, and Pavilion. Canines are judged on conformation, obedience, rally and agility. The competition begins with classes based on sex, age and breed with the winners earning the right to move to the next level of competition. The winners of the early rounds and present AKC Champions will compete for Best of Breed before moving on to group competition. From there competitors will advance to Best of Show. The obedience trials are qualifying events for the 2015 AKC National Obedience Competition.

"Agility is always fast paced and fun to watch. The athleticism of the dogs is awesome. Obedience is awe-inspiring. The level of training and team work between the dogs and handlers is amazing," said Cheri Cardwell from the Kentuckiana Cluster All-Breed Dog Show.

Friday evening breeders will compete in The Eukanuba Breeders Stake, which is designed to recognize purebred dog breeders in a competition that evaluates the overall breeding program.

Alongside the dog show, the Greater Louisville Training Club American Kennel Club's Agility Trials will be held in Broadbent Arena Thursday, March 13 – Sunday, March 16, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. The Agility Trials are free and open to the public.

The dog show offers visitors the opportunity to see different types of dogs and meet with owners. For those considering purchasing or adopting a dog, it's a place to learn about different breeds' personalities and needs. More than 60 vendors will be on hand with a variety of pet supplies.

Admission to the Kentuckiana Cluster All-Breed Dog Show is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children and seniors, and \$15 for a family pack of four tickets (must include at least one adult). Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle.

For more information visit, http://www.louisvillekennelclub.com and http://www.greaterlouisvilletrainingclub.com.

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About the Kentucky Exposition Center

One of the top 10 largest public facilities of its kind in the United States, the Kentucky Exposition Center features 1.2 million square feet of indoor space including two indoor arenas. The facility's class "A" exhibit space totals 425,700 square feet and accommodates a wide variety of events year round. The expocenter is the permanent home for the Kentucky State Fair, the National Farm Machinery Show, and the North American International Livestock Exposition. Conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, the Kentucky Exposition Center is easily accessible and just five minutes south of downtown Louisville. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/kyexpocenter and follow us on Twitter at https://twitter.com/kyexpocenter.